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Materials: Correspondence, media releases, speeches, meeting agendas and minutes, newsletters and reports.

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Administrative History:

The County of Lincoln dates back to 1798, when the first Lincoln County was formed. It was comprised of the townships of Clinton, Grimsby, Saltfleet, Barton, Ancaster, Glanford, Binbrook, Gainsborough, Caistor, Newark (Niagara), Grantham, Louth, Stamford, Thorold, Pelham, Bertie, Willoughby, Crowland, Humberstone and Wainfleet. The County boundaries were revised over the years, and the formation of Welland County in 1856 left only 7 townships in Lincoln County (Niagara, Grantham, Louth, Clinton, Gainsborough, Caistor and Grimsby). A County Council was also established at this time, which consisted of a Clerk, Warden, and a representative from each township. In 1862, the County Seat was moved from Niagara-on-the-Lake to St. Catharines. In 1970, Lincoln and Welland Counties were amalgamated to form the Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Scope and Content:

The records contain information about the County of Lincoln's activities and projects, including the promotional film "Lincoln County—Years of Heritage", the annual Lincoln County Blossom time, and a survey of historic buildings in Lincoln County. Materials consist mostly of correspondence, media releases and speeches, with some administrative materials such as agendas, minutes of meetings, newsletters and reports. Duplicates were removed and discarded. Within each series, records are arranged chronologically.

Organization:

The records were arranged into four series:

Series I: Correspondence, 1956-1969

Series II: Media releases, 1956-1969

Series III: Administrative, 1957-1969

Series IV: Speeches, 1956-1969

Inventory:**Series I: Correspondence, 1956-1969**

- 1.1 Correspondence—Lincoln County Centennial, 1956. Contains correspondence relating to the Lincoln County Centennial and planned celebrations.
- 1.2 Correspondence, 1957. Includes correspondence on a promotional film to be made on Lincoln County, as well as on a fundraising campaign for Linhaven, a home for seniors in St. Catharines.
- 1.3 Correspondence, 1958. Includes correspondence about a fundraising campaign for Linhaven, a contest for students to design a new crest for the County of Lincoln, the creation of a promotional booklet for Lincoln County, the need for a larger Court House in St. Catharines, and the creation of a promotional film on Lincoln County.
- 1.4 Correspondence, 1959. Includes correspondence about two promotional films and a brochure for Lincoln County, the Linhaven fundraising campaign, a letter on community and regional planning, and the annual conference of the Association of Mayors and Reeves.
- 1.5 Correspondence, 1960. Includes correspondence about the distribution of two promotional films and tourist folders on Lincoln County. Also includes some correspondence on a display by Lincoln County during the annual Canadian Good Roads Convention.

- 1.6 Correspondence, 1961. Includes correspondence about the distribution of two promotional films and tourist folders on Lincoln County, a party for Bill Millward to commemorate his 25 years of service with Lincoln County, and an invitation to the Annual Warden's banquet.
- 1.7 Correspondence, 1962. Includes correspondence on a Lincoln County display at the annual Canadian Good Roads Convention, the restoration and promotion of the town of Niagara (Niagara-on-the-Lake) by local historical societies, and an invitation to the annual Warden's banquet.
- 1.8 Correspondence, 1963. Includes correspondence on the Blossom festival, invitations to the ex-warden's banquet and a meeting of the Lincoln County Historical Council, and a revised draft of the Lincoln County tourist folder.
- 1.9 Correspondence, 1964. Includes correspondence on Blossom time, Ball's Falls Conservation Area, an exhibit sponsored by Lincoln County at the annual Canadian Good Roads Convention, and the 20th anniversary of the liberation of Bergen Op Zoom, Holland by the Lincoln and Welland Regiment.
- 1.10 Correspondence, 1965. Includes correspondence on a flag raising ceremony in Niagara-on-the-Lake, a historical map of Lincoln and Welland Counties, the ex-wardens banquet, Blossom time, and an invitation to the Warden's banquet.
- 1.11 Correspondence, 1966. Includes correspondence on the film "Lincoln County—Years of Heritage", the ex-wardens banquet, Blossom time, an architectural survey project in Louth Township, and an invitation to the formal approval of a Lincoln and Welland County Regional Detention Centre.
- 1.12 Correspondence, 1967. Includes correspondence on a calendar of Centennial events, an invitation to the County of Lincoln barbecue, a historical brochure of the County, an award given for the film "Lincoln County—Years of Heritage", and a proposed Lincoln County Planning Board.
- 1.13 Correspondence, "Years of Heritage" film distribution, 1966-1967. Includes correspondence with various broadcasters regarding the Lincoln County film "Years of Heritage".

- 1.14 Correspondence, Centennial Calendar of Events, 1967. Includes some correspondence about the Centennial celebrations, as well a Centennial Calendar of Events in Lincoln County. Also includes some newspaper clippings about the Centennial events.
- 1.15 Correspondence, 1968. Includes correspondence on a Lincoln County display at the annual Canadian Good Roads Convention, Blossom time, the film “Lincoln County—Years of Heritage”, a series of articles known as “Byways of Lincoln County”, an invitation to the Lincoln County barbecue, an invitation to the Warden’s banquet, and correspondence about the Niagara Iroquois Tourist Association (N.I.T.A).
- 1.16 Correspondence, 1969. Includes correspondence about the Niagara Iroquois Tourist Association, a contest for high school students to design and construct a parade float representing the County to be featured in the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival parade, articles from the “Byways of Lincoln County” series, an invitation to the ex-wardens banquet, drafts of an invitation to and program for the official opening of the Lincoln wing of Linhaven, and an invitation to a commemorative session of the Lincoln County Council.

Series II: Media releases, 1956-1969

- 1.17 Media releases—Lincoln County Centennial, 1956. Contains media releases about the Lincoln County Centennial and planned celebrations.
- 1.18 Media releases, 1957. Most of the material relates to the opening of Linhaven, a home for seniors in St. Catharines, and includes a program for the laying of the cornerstone and drafts of an information booklet. Also includes media releases about fall fairs, and about various communities and organizations within the county.
- 1.19 Media releases, 1958. Includes releases on Linhaven, community service messages from Lincoln County published in programs, an announcement of the winner of the county crest contest, and notes on information required for an industrial motion picture on Lincoln County.

- 1.20 Media releases, 1959. Includes releases about a promotional brochure and film on Lincoln County, Blossom time, community service messages from Lincoln County published in programs of local events, as well as distribution lists. Also includes a brochure on St. Catharines, the agenda and program of the annual conference of the Association of Ontario Mayors and Reeves, and a copy of a booklet titled "County of Lincoln—Century of Progress".
- 1.21 Media releases, 1960. Includes releases on a new county flag, meetings of local historical societies to preserve the heritage of the area and promote tourism, a display of fruits and wines organized by the County for delegates of the annual Canadian Good Roads Convention, the annexation of Niagara Township and Grantham Township, and two promotional films on the County of Lincoln. Also includes a list of County services to be completed for this year.
- 1.22 Media releases, 1961. Includes releases on the restoration of historic buildings in the Niagara peninsula, Blossom time, and the election of Arnold Killins as Warden of Lincoln County. Also contains a program of a dinner for ex-wardens and County Council and a program for the Warden's banquet.
- 1.23 Media releases, 1962. Includes releases on the Ball schoolhouse on St. David's Road (as well as some newspaper clippings), a history of Smithville, Blossom time, the restoration and promotion of the Town of Niagara (Niagara-on-the-Lake), a new Lincoln County crest, and a newspaper clipping on the official opening of new Council Chambers and Fire Hall. Also includes a list of County services to be completed for this year.
- 1.24 Media releases, 1963. Includes releases on the Village of Homer, Blossom time, the 50th anniversary of the Ontario Paper Company, the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival, the upcoming opening of Brock University in 1965, and the annual Warden's banquet.
- 1.25 Media releases, 1964. Includes releases on the Village of Homer, a brief history of the County of Lincoln, the ex-warden's banquet, Blossom time, the enrolment of the first students at Brock University, the Ball's Falls Conservation Area, the preservation of historic sites in the County, local fall fairs, a display sponsored by Lincoln County at the annual Canadian Good Roads Convention, and a summary of the Town of Grimsby.

- 1.26 Media releases, 1965. Includes releases on Lincoln County's official flag raising ceremony in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Education Week in Ontario, the ex-wardens banquet, Blossom time, a publication titled "An Area of Historical Interest in the Counties of Lincoln and Welland", local fall fairs, a history of Beamsville, a summary of the town of Grimsby, the Warden's banquet, the Victorian Order of Nurses, the establishment of Brock University, Blossom time, a draft of the Lincoln County brochure, a description of the Lincoln County crest, a history of Virgil, and a list of significant dates in Lincoln County.
- 1.27 Media releases, 1966. Includes releases on the historical significance of Canada's centennial to the Niagara Peninsula, a history of Twenty Mile Creek, Blossom time and the Blossom route, the ex-wardens banquet, a history of St. David's, a survey of historic buildings in Lincoln County, the film "Lincoln County—Years of Heritage", the annual Warden's banquet, the Regional Detention Centre, a history of St. Ann's, and a history of St. David's.
- 1.28 Media releases, 1967. Includes releases on the ex-wardens dinner, a history of Caistor Township, the film "Lincoln County—Years of Heritage", Blossom time, municipal planning in Lincoln County, a history of Beamsville, a survey of historic buildings in Lincoln County (specifically Caistor Township), a history of Lincoln County, and a history of Caistor Township.
- 1.29 Media releases, "Years of Heritage" film distribution, 1966-1967. Includes media releases and distribution lists regarding the Lincoln County film "Years of Heritage".
- 1.30 Media releases, 1968. Includes releases on the film "Lincoln County—Years of Heritage, Blossom time, the designation and preservation of historic buildings in the County, the Warden's banquet, a photograph and accompanying caption of the brick school house on the Thirty Road, Brock University Library's acquisition of historical materials from the Niagara Historical Society, and community service messages from the County published in various programs and yearbooks.
- 1.31 Media releases, 1969. Includes releases on the new Warden and Lincoln County Council for 1969, the ex-wardens banquet, Blossom time, contest submissions by local high school students to design and build a parade float to represent the County of Lincoln in the Grape and Wine Festival parade, a commemorative final session of the Lincoln County Council, including a program, a history of William Hamilton Merritt and the Welland canal, community service messages from the

County published in the programs of local events, and the new Lincoln wing of Linhaven.

- 1.32 Media releases—County of Lincoln Byways, 1962-1969. A series of articles about the history of Lincoln County. Titles include:

- Smithville
- Niagara-on-the-Lake
- Homer: the vanishing community
- Grimsby: the gateway to urban living
- Wellandport
- Virgil
- Along the Banks of the Twenty
- Peaceful St. Ann's
- Unspoiled Caistor Township
- Queenston's Glorious Past will Never Fade
- Lincoln's Disappearing Past
- Indians of Lincoln County
- Lincoln's Vineland known across Canada
- A Wonder of the Modern World
- Shipbuilding in Lincoln County
- Lincoln County Government (1792-1969)

Series III: Administrative, 1957-1969

- 1.33 Agendas, 1959-1969. Agendas of the Publicity, Planning and Development Committee and the Publicity and Reception Committee.
- 1.34-1.38 Minutes, 1957-1969. Includes minutes of the Lincoln County Historical Council, the Municipal Council of the County of Lincoln, the Publicity, Planning and Development Committee and various other Lincoln County committees, a Director's meeting of the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival, and the Niagara Iroquois Tourist Association. Also includes some financial statements, Lincoln County Council and Committee members lists, and a list of ex-wardens.
- 1.39 Newsletters, 1968-1969, undated. Contains issues of County Council News (issued by Lincoln County Council).

- 2.1-2.3 Reports, 1958-1969, undated. Includes reports on Court House space requirements, a plan for the preservation and restoration of the Town of Niagara, the Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority, a College of Applied Arts and Technology in Grimsby, a submission of the County of Lincoln on the Report of the Niagara Region Local Government Review Commission, the Niagara Escarpment Scenic Drive, annual reports of the Roads Superintendent, and proposed regional government.

Series IV: Speeches, 1956-1969

- 2.4 Speeches--Lincoln County Centennial, 1956. Contains speeches relating to the Lincoln County Centennial and planned celebrations.
- 2.5 Speeches, 1957. Includes notes on the Warden's addresses to various groups.
- 2.6 Speeches, 1959-1960. Notes re: Chairman's remarks at the annual convention of the Ontario Association of Managers and Matrons of the Homes for the Aged and an opening by W.S. Martin for the Township of Niagara. Also includes a Warden's message dated Dec. 1, 1960 about the amalgamation of Grantham Township, Merritton and Port Dalhousie with St. Catharines.
- 2.7 Speeches, 1961. Includes notes for the Warden's address at various local annual meetings, a tribute to Bill Millward, and a draft of information on County expenditures and its relationship to the local municipality.
- 2.8 Speeches, 1962. Includes an address by Peter Alcock, Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society Ltd., to a joint meeting of the Town of Niagara Planning Board and the Lincoln County Historical Council, and remarks by the Warden at various local events.
- 2.9 Speeches, 1963. Remarks by Warden Fred McKenzie at various local events, as well as some remarks by other local politicians.
- 2.10 Speeches, 1964. Notes for Warden Harry Dawson at the opening of the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival and an address to the County Council, an address on the 20th anniversary of the liberation of Bergen Op Zoom, Holland by the Lincoln and Welland Regiment, and notes for the radio interview of William Brooks, Chairman of the Publicity and Reception Committee.

- 2.11 Speeches, 1965. Notes for the inaugural address by William Brooks, Warden of Lincoln County, notes for Reeve Ora Ellis, and an address by William Brooks at the Warden's banquet.

- 2.12 Speeches, 1966. Notes for the Warden's inaugural address to the County Council, notes for Warden Ora Ellis at the opening of the Niagara Grape and Wine Festival, notes for an interview on Channel 11 with Ora Ellis about the Lincoln County Blossom Route, notes for Ora Ellis and others at the Warden's banquet, and other notes for Warden Ora Ellis at various community events.

- 2.13 Speeches, 1967. An address by Warden Reginald Rittenhouse at the inaugural meeting of Lincoln County Council, notes for the Warden to various local organizations, and at the annual Warden's banquet.

- 2.14 Speeches, 1968. Speech for Mayor Hugh Merritt at the New Citizens Night, remarks for A. Savage, representing the County of Lincoln at the opening of the Royal Canadian Henley Regatta, a C.V. for Robert Welch and Fred Goring, and the Warden's address, dated Nov. 29, 1968.

- 2.15 Speeches, 1969. Includes a welcome by Warden Andrew Savage at the commemorative session of Lincoln County Council, Nov. 19, 1969, an address by the Warden at the Warden's banquet, an address by the Warden at the annual meeting of the St. Catharines and District Retarded Children's Association and at the dedication of the Lincoln wing of Linhaven, as well as the Warden's inaugural address to the Council of the County of Lincoln, Jan. 21, 1969.

Related materials:

RG 67, Niagara Regional Historical Council fonds, 1960-1989.

An Area of historical interest in the Counties of Lincoln and Welland, Ontario.
St. Catharines, Ont., 1962. SpCI FC 3152.7 H49 A74

County of Lincoln "century of progress". St. Catharines, Ont., 1958?
SpCI 3152.42 C68

Lincoln County, 1856-1956. St. Catharines, Ont.: Lincoln County
Council, 1956. SpCl FC 3152.5 L55

